

HONORING HERB ALSUP'S 25
YEARS OF SERVICE TO HIS
CHURCH

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Herb Alsop for his 25 years of ministering the Woodbury Church of Christ. On Sunday, October 26, the church will celebrate Family Day, a day to celebrate Herb's service and for the church to open its new addition.

I've known Herb and his family most of my life. He is the type of person who would give you the shirt off his back if he thought you needed it. For example, Herb's brother, Lynn, was serving in Vietnam and had to send Herb and his wife, Ann, some money. But Herb didn't need the money for himself or his wife. He needed the money before payday to buy clothes for a family he knew was in need.

Herschel Mullins, Herb's uncle, remembers him as "an unusually good boy, always real sociable with people, even when he was a kid." Herb used to visit Herschel for Sunday dinners and family reunions. Herschel recalls, "It was always a joy to have him in my home. He's always been one of my favorite nephews." Herschel also notes that the Woodbury Church of Christ grew considerably during Herb's tenure.

Herb was born in Blackman, TN, just outside of my hometown of Murfreesboro. While we were growing up, Herb excelled in the classroom and on the playing field. While attending David Lipscomb University, he played baseball and was considered a fantastic tennis player. Herb's enthusiasm for life has been and continues to be a positive influence and an inspiration to his family and friends. Herb, thank you for your service to the Woodbury Church of Christ and to everyone in the community.

HONORING RUTHERFORD
COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

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Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 200th birthday of Rutherford County, Tennessee. Rutherford County is located in the heart of Middle Tennessee, and I am proud to call this beautiful county my home.

The people of Rutherford County are truly blessed to live in a region with such rich history and such a promising future. Murfreesboro, now the county seat, served as the capital of Tennessee from 1819 to 1826. Nearly 40 years later, Union and Confederate soldiers fought and died on the county's soil during the Civil War. Stones River National Battlefield is a solemn memorial to those who lost their lives during the battle.

Today, residents and visitors can catch a glimpse of the county's promising future by looking to the county's successful industrial areas, quality schools and beautiful parks.

It is easy to see why Rutherford County is the fastest growing county in the state and

one of the fastest growing counties in the nation. The warmth of its residents and beauty of its landscapes will continue to attract new members to the community. And those new residents will have the opportunity to visit numerous historic sites, purchase a variety of quality goods manufactured in the county, and enjoy leisurely drives through the scenic countryside.

The residents of Rutherford County have much to be proud of. I congratulate the county on its success, and I am sure the next 200 years will be just as steeped in friendship and tradition as the first 200 years.

AMENDING TITLE XXI OF THE
SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. HEATHER WILSON

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mrs. WILSON of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3288 is a technical corrections bill that will allow New Mexico to use \$14 million of its unused State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) funds for low-income children's health. Currently New Mexico has approximately \$70 million in unused SCHIP funds which the state cannot access. This bill will allow New Mexico to use 20 percent of these funds, or \$14 million, on low-income children in the Medicaid program. This bill keeps these vital health care dollars in New Mexico. It also assures that these dollars are used for children's health, for which they were originally intended.

Earlier this year we passed a similar bill signed into law that would allow states, like New Mexico, who had expanded their Medicaid programs for children before the passage of the SCHIP program to use some SCHIP dollars on low-income children eligible for Medicaid. The prior policy essentially penalized states that had done the right thing by expanding coverage for children under Medicaid.

Because of a miscalculation in the legislation passed earlier this year, New Mexico may be ineligible to use the SCHIP funds in the manner intended. This bill would correct that mistake and allow low-income children in New Mexico access to important health care dollars they deserve.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I was not able to be present for the following rollcall votes and would like the RECORD to reflect that I would have voted as follows: Rollcall No. 562—"no"; rollcall No. 563—"yes"; rollcall No. 564—"yes"; rollcall No. 565—"yes."

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL
MEN'S GOLF TEAM, 2003

HON. THADDEUS G. McCOTTER

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my alma mater Detroit Catholic Central Men's Golf Team, the 2003 Michigan High School Athletic Association Division I Champions.

In conditions unfavorable to competitive golf, Catholic Central fired a two-round total of 636, six shots ahead of their nearest competitor.

Led by seniors Chris Eliason, Mike King, and Jimmy Burns sophomores David Denyer and Adam Hogue, and Coach Bill Hayes, the Shamrocks easily captured the Catholic League Championship and State Regional Championship while posting an 11-1 dual meet record.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my warmest congratulations to the Shamrocks of Detroit Catholic Central for capturing the MHSAA Golf Championship.

FOUR OUTSTANDING SENIORS

HON. SAM JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, you know, Texas is home to great schools, great teachers, and great students.

Today I would like to spotlight four outstanding seniors from Plano Independent School District who made perfect scores on their college entrance exams.

It is estimated that they are in the top one-tenth of the highest one percent of all of the students taking these exams.

Brent Flynn of the Plano Star Courier detailed these amazing students in the September 29, 2003 edition.

Greg Bussell of Plano East Senior High School, Jennifer Wu of Plano West Senior High School, and Brian Young of Plano Senior High School all scored 1600 on their S.A.T.'s, while Jeffrey Lin of Plano West Senior High School received a 36, the highest possible on the A.C.T.

In addition to smarts and savvy, they all shine outside the classroom. Both Jennifer and Jeffrey play the violin in the orchestra. Greg stars in a school play and Brian's on the school's academic decathlon team.

Each principal had wonderful words for these students.

Plano Senior High principal Dr. Doyle Dean said, "Brian Young is an outstanding student. We at Plano Senior High are very proud of his many academic and personal accomplishments, including his perfect score on the S.A.T."

"These are among some of the most extraordinary students in our State," said Dr. Michael McClellan, principal at Plano East Senior High.

Phil Saviano, principal for Plano West Senior High School stated, "It's an exceptional achievement. It's rewarding to see their hard work pay off after their amazing public school careers."